



Office of the City Manager
City of Frisco, Texas

Memorandum

To: Community Development Board Members

Cc: Henry J. Hill, Deputy City Manager
Nell Lange, Assistant City Manager
Rick Wieland, Director of Parks and Recreation

From: Amy Gill, Assistant to the City Manager

Date: May 15, 2009

Subject: Skating Rink Funding Request

Action Requested:

Direction on pursuit of this funding request.

Background Information:

At the March CDC meeting, Bob Shaver from Frisco Square presented the board with a concept to fund a portable skating rink for events such as Christmas in the Square and Merry Main Street. Since that time, staff has been examining the board's enabling legislation to determine if such an expenditure is allowable. Staff also met with Bob to talk further through the idea.

It is staff's conclusion that the expense would be allowable if the city purchased the equipment rather than Frisco Square. In that scenario, Frisco Square could lease the equipment from the city, and the rink could be available for other city uses.

Financial Considerations:

Under the proposed scenario, after the original outlay, the CDC would receive their money back over a five year period.

Legal Review:

Staff will wait for board direction before requesting legal review.

Supporting Documents:

Bob Shaver delivered an updated proposal, which is attached.

Staff Recommendation:

Although staff appreciates the benefits that a skating rink would bring, we believe that it lies outside the strategic plan of the CDC and the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Department does not have a skating rink on their priority list, and citizens enjoy two other locations for skating within the city limits. There are also concerns about the precedent this would set for other private entities.

Thank you for your consideration of this item, if I can be of any support, please contact me at 972-292-5103 or by email at agill@friscotexas.gov